GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
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SSI UNITS IN TRIBAL AND BACKWARD AREAS OF LOWER ASSAM
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government is setting up some Small Scale Industries in tribal and backward areas in lower Assam with a view to generate employment for the unemployed Tribal youths and thereby augmenting economic growth and development in the region;

(b): if so, the funds allocated and released during the last three years;

(c): if not, the reasons therefor;

(d): whether the Government has a proposal to set up an `Integrated Infrastructure for Industries, Trade and Commerce` in the said areas;

(e): if so, the steps taken so far in this regard; and

(f): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)to(c): The development of small scale industries is primarily the responsibility of the respective State/Union Territory (UT) Governments/Administrations. The Central Government, however, supports and supplements the efforts of the State/UT Governments/Administrations through various schemes/programmes relating to credit, infrastructrual development, technology upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial development, etc. These are implemented across the country including the state of Assam. The allocation of funds is made schemewise, not Statewise.

(d)&(e): The Government launched the Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme which, inter alia, envisages creation/upgradation of infrastructural facilities like power, water, roads, communications, marketing outlets and common services to facilitate setting up of units and crate employment. As per the provisions of this Scheme, the State Governments/Union Territories are required to formulate proposals and get these appraised by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). On the basis of the recommendation of the SIDBI, Government sanctions projects for setting up IID Centres. So far six IID Centres, one each in the districts of Nagoan, Darrang, Cachar, Sibsagar,Kamrup and Jorhat, have been sanctioned by Government of India. Out of these, the IID Centre in Kamrup district falls in the lower Assam. Central grant of Rs. 10.50 crore has also been releaed for these six centres, including Rs. 80 lakh for the IID Centre in Kamrup district.

(f): In view of the reply to parts (d) and (e), the question does not arise.